

**REMARKS**

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Tran for the indication of allowance of claims 5, 8 and 9-13. In response to the Office Action dated September 8, 2004, Applicants have amended the specification so as to address the pending objection to the disclosure. Also, Applicants have amended claim 1 so as to address the pending rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. New claims 14-22 are also added. Support for these amendments can be found, for example, in Figs. 1-3 and their corresponding section of the specification. No new matter has been added.

Furthermore, it does not appear that any of the cited references discloses or suggests the claim elements recited by new claims 14-22. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that new claims 14-22 are patentably distinct over the cited prior art.

Having fully responded to all matters raised in the Office Action, Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, an indication for which is respectfully solicited.

Should there remain any outstanding issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney below so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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